

ACBI Service Task Force meeting November 24, 2014

Meeting Minutes:

Present: Moravec, Cogil, Johnston, Costigan, Murphy, Gay, Reimers, Durfey

1) Assistive technology flipbooks

- Option currently available in the BIAIA tote bags. Is there a need for a new or additional option?
- Jane Gay, IPAT, joined the meeting to provide background on the current AT book. This book was created in 2003 based on a product from ND. We have permission to update and change as needed. Updates could be made to bring the material up to date (e.g. audio tape change to digital voice). Apps might be an area to think about but Iowa compass might be a better resource for the specific device or apps.
- **Action – AT book sent out to members via email from Maggie. Maggie will set up a survey monkey for comments.**
- IPAT would be willing to help keep the book current
- Is it possible to link to other materials or web links (youtube)? Maybe not, we don't want to have out dated materials or links out there, or be viewed as promoting a specific product. Solution might be to teach people tips for searching or places that help to search for products in the finding and funding section.
- Current audience – wide variety, providers, users, parents/caregivers. This is an awareness tool of uses of AT, including low tech, who can help, etc. Need to let people know that AT is very individual and not a one size fits all. Goal- to help people achieve more autonomy?
- *Brain on a String* – book on low tech ideas for memory aids. Might be a good resource to look at as we move forward.
- Epilepsy has an infographic that provides suggestions for creating a safer home. Roxanne can email this out.
- Should there be a section that talks about service animals?
- Has there been user feedback or comments about the book? **Action – Maggie will check with BIAIA if they have any comments during their tote bag review.**
- Iowa compass role on helping identify a device? They can work with folks on individual basis for searching other nationally funded search engines. This is not a full evaluation but more of a quick assessment of self-reported need. Iowa Compass is changing home page to make this resource more obvious to visitors.
- Need for an introduction page/s that provides summary of some thoughts to link people to additional resources and help them to think beyond this book.
- **Action – Jane will check nationally to see what exists.**
- **Action – college with a brain injury information**

Next meeting – December 17th at 9am. Maggie will send out the link for a gotomeeting.

2) Community of Practice – Maggie asked group to consider developing teams in their community. These teams would be working on a project of their choosing for a year and

reporting back to the larger community of practice on what they are working on, successes, challenges and lessons learned as well as receiving education via webinar that might help them during this process. The focus is on TBI across the lifespan with the intent of increasing access to services and supports. Roxanne commented that she is considering pulling together a team about supporting people with seizures post brain injury because the number one cause of epilepsy is brain injury.

3)

4) Budget – tabled until January meeting

5) Guidebooks – tabled for a later date

6) Awareness playing cards – discussion tabled for a later date

7) Website update – tabled for a later date.